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**KPD hosts free car seat check as part of Child Passenger Safety Week**

LĪHU'E – In recognition of National Child Passenger Safety Week, the Kaua'i Police Department (KPD) will be hosting a free car seat safety inspection on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon at Walmart in Līhu'e.

Specially trained officers will be on-hand to inspect car seats and ensure proper installation.

"Car seats can be complicated to install and must be the right fit for both your child and vehicle in order to be effective," warns Lt. Jon Takamura of the Traffic Safety Section. "We encourage all parents and guardians to take advantage of this free opportunity to ensure your child is safe."

According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), car crashes are the leading cause of death for children ages 1 to 13.

State law requires children under the age of 4 to ride in a child safety seat, and children ages 4 to 7 to ride in a child passenger restraint or booster seat. Violators face a fine of up to \$500 and may be required to take a child passenger safety course.

"Statistics show that properly installed child safety seats can reduce the risk of infant fatalities by as much as 71 percent, 54 percent for toddlers and 45 percent among children ages 4 to 8," adds Lt. Takamura. "Properly buckling up your keiki is not only required by law, but it can save your child's life."

For tips to increase your child's car seat safety, visit [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

For more information on car seat inspections, please call KPD's Traffic Safety Section at 241-1611.

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